

## Forestry Technician (Timber Marker) GS-462-6

The Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District of the Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill one (1) permanent Forestry Technician (Timber Marker), GS-0462-6 position. This position will be located in **Houston, MO** at the Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek District Office. The annual salary ranges \$34,907.00 to \$45,376.00.

### GS-0462-6 Position

This position is located on the Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District to perform presale activities involved with the layout of timber sale areas, designation and cruising of trees for harvest, and the execution of the Forest Land Management plan to specific sites. The District's timber sale program conducts an average sale program of approximately 7 - 10 MMBF (12,000 – 16,000 CCF) per year.

This position would involve layout of timber sale units, GPS of units, marking and tree designation, timber cruising, and other duties as assigned. The ability to work well with others, good communication skills and a positive attitude and strong work ethic are highly desirable along with knowledge of forest measurement tools and techniques including the use of clinometer, map, compass, and prism. Full performance of this position includes completion of a certification as a Region 9 Cruiser. Applicants who possess or are working on this certification should highlight that in their resume and as part of the outreach response.

Performs other duties as assigned.

### Physical Requirements

A physical capacity for working outdoors, in isolated areas is required. The work requires regular and recurring physical exertion related to conservation work requiring walking on rough uneven terrain, climbing steep banks, and jumping ditches and furrows. The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats.

## **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

The [Mark Twain National Forest](#) is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern third of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Mark Twain NF contains approximately 1.5 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and some associated shortleaf pine. A full range of vegetation and recreation management activities on the forest include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation, and mining.

## **DISTRICT INFORMATION:**

**The HRCC District** covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 196,800 acres being in Federal ownership. It is located in seven Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, and Wright. The District is rich with rivers and streams: the beautiful bluffs of the Big Piney River, the Gasconade River and Little Piney River in the southern part of the district and Cedar Creek at the north end. Fishing and canoeing opportunities abound. Smaller creeks supplied by springs provide other fishing or water-based recreational opportunities, including trout fishing. The oak/hickory and shortleaf pine forests provide abundant opportunities to observe and/or hunt wildlife such as turkey, white-tailed deer and squirrels.

The H/R/CC District hosts 22 PFT positions. The district contains four campgrounds, four day-use areas, several developed trailheads and river accesses. The program of work also includes the management of the Paddy Creek Wilderness ( 7,019 acres) on the Houston unit, a large special uses program, a diverse wildlife management program, a large prescribed fire program, a well-developed openlands habitat management program including grazing permits, and a timber management program. Fort Leonard Wood, a 63,000 acre military installation lies within the district boundary. The District fire program averages approximately 20 to 40 wildfires per year with a prescribed fire goal of over 10,000 acres per year.

## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:**

### **The duty station for this position will be located in Houston, Missouri**

**Houston, Missouri:** Elevation: 1,160 feet. Population: 1,196 (2010 census). Houston, Missouri is on Highway 63 45 miles south of Rolla, Missouri; 85 miles east of Springfield, Missouri -. Homes sell for \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain with moderately high rent for this area; \$450 to \$900 per month plus utilities. Stoves and refrigerators are normally not included except with furnished apartments.

**Government Quarters:** None.

**Schools:** Kindergarten through High School with an enrollment of approximately 1,100. The High School has an A+ status in 1999, with program focus on academic and technical education; for qualifying students two years free tuition at any Missouri public community college, post secondary vocational school, technical school or Missouri State University. Missouri State University – West Plains (Houston Extended Campus) more information, Elaine Campbell at (417) 967-3348. Texas County Technical Institute (800) 835-1130 [www.texascountytech.edu](http://www.texascountytech.edu)

**Hospital:** Texas County Memorial Hospital located in Houston, has 66 beds. A 96-bed skilled nursing home is also located in Houston (Houston House).

**Doctors:** 12 doctors and 3 chiropractors; one dentist's office. Nearest specialists located in Rolla and Springfield, Missouri.

**Churches:** Catholic, Methodist, Christian, several Baptist churches, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Church of God, and Lutheran Church.

**Recreation & Fitness Opportunities:** public swimming pool, supervised summer playgrounds, full-time Parks and Recreation Director, summer day camp, Little League, Babe Ruth, girls softball, Toss and Tee Ball. One walk-in theater and one drive-in theater; fitness center.

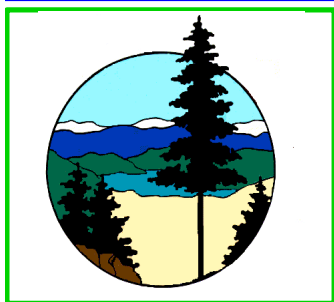
**Sports and Events:** Basketball, football, and baseball. A 9-hole golf course, Emmett Kelly Clown Festival, Texas County Fair; annual tree lighting festivities. Adundant opportunities for good hunting and fishing, Sportsman Club; tennis, bowling and canoeing.

**Shopping:** One supermarket, three clothing shops, one shoe store, two drug stores, dollar stores, appliance store, Super Wal-Mart, two car dealers, Chevrolet – Oldsmobile & Ford - Mercury. There are three banks with full banking facilities.

**Climate:** Texas County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. The average temperature of the warmest month (July) is 80 – 85 degrees. The coolest month (January) is 20 – 25 degrees. The average rainfall is 41 inches with an average snowfall of 15 inches.

**Houston, Missouri Web sites of interest:**

Texas County Medical Clinic	<a href="http://www.tcmh.org">www.tcmh.org</a>
Century 21 Real Estate	<a href="http://www.c21oaktreerealty.com">www.c21oaktreerealty.com</a>
ReMax Farm & Home	<a href="http://www.Farmhomesrealty.com">www.Farmhomesrealty.com</a>
Houston Herald	<a href="http://www.houstonherald.com">www.houstonherald.com</a>
Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.houstonmochamber.com">www.houstonmochamber.com</a>



## OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Mark Twain National Forest  
Houston, MO

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**E-mail** to: Troy Crowe ([tecrowe@fs.fed.us](mailto:tecrowe@fs.fed.us)) or Kim Bittle ([kbittle@fs.fed.us](mailto:kbittle@fs.fed.us)), or

**Mail** to: USDA- Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Troy Crowe, 108 S. Sam Houston Blvd., Houston, MO. 65542, or

**FAX** to: 417-967-2524, ATTN: Troy Crowe.

### Forestry Technician (Timber Marker)

Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest, H/R/CC R.D.*

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Date:

Mailing Address

### E-Mail Address

Phone:

Work:

Home:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Permanent? \_\_\_ Temporary? \_\_\_ TERM? \_\_\_ VRA? \_\_\_ PWD? \_\_\_ OTHER? \_\_\_

Current Title/Series/Grade:

Agency Employed with and location:

**Thank you for your interest!**